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IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 5	Park Day—
Apr 5	Spring Classic—with Jim Morris
Apr 6	No School—Easter Holiday
Apr 21	Coin Club Concessions
Apr 26	NTCA Open House
Apr 26	Grandparents Breakfast
May 18	NTCA Night at Roughriders Baseball

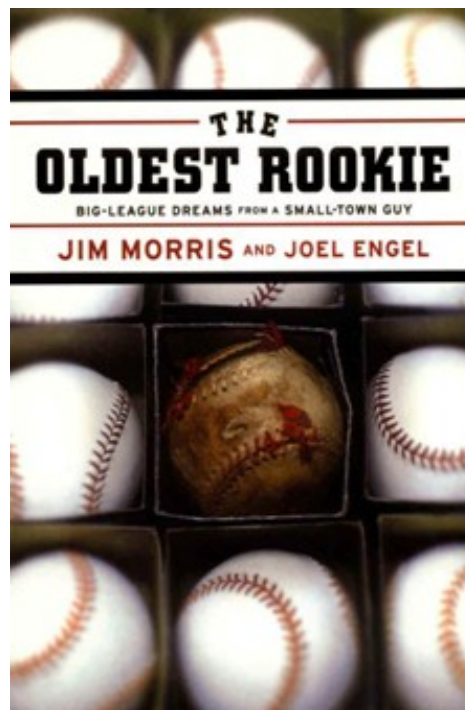
The Cougar Chronicle

Spring Classic Almost Here

The April 5th Spring Classic is this week! NTCA is pleased to welcome Jim Morris, the inspiration behind the Disney movie "The Rookie" starring Dennis Quaid.

Join us for an entertaining evening with Jim, a loveable and humorous storyteller who inspires and motivates audiences to never give up on their dreams.

Arrive early to check out the silent auction items at 5:45pm. Auction items will include unique paintings by NTCA students, class baskets, as well as donations from area businesses. Enjoy dinner while hearing Jim's message about following your dreams at 6:45pm.



Middle school students will be singing the National Anthem and Kinder—8th graders will be leading our guest in the traditional song, *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. This will be a fun event for the whole family.

We have over 300 people attending; however, there are a few seats still available. Tomorrow is the last chance to purchase tickets. Individual tickets are \$35, a Four Pack is \$100, or reserve a Table of Eight for \$200.

About Jim Morris

Jim is much more than just a sports personality. Audiences connect with him because he's one of them. In a world lacking in real-life heroes, Jim's message about following your dreams and keeping your promises resonates with audiences.

Jim's childhood dream of becoming a major league baseball player was derailed by injuries and, admittedly, a lack of maturity. Eleven years after his retirement from baseball, Jim's dream was re-ignited by his then rag-tag high school team, when he was trying to inspire them to follow their own ambitions.

Three months later, Jim achieved his dream of pitching in the big leagues by striking out all-star Royce Clayton with a 98 mph fastball! Jim is a loveable and humorous storyteller who will inspire and motivate you to never give up on your dreams.



SPRING CLASSIC

Dinner with keynote speaker
Jim "The Rookie" Morris

DINNER | AUCTION | MOVIE



THE ROOKIE

APRIL 5th, 2012

Silent Auction & Photos	5:45pm
Dinner Buffet	6:45pm
Movie Presentation	8:45pm

We hope you'll join us for a truly special evening with Jim "The Rookie" Morris.

His life story is the inspiration behind the Walt Disney blockbuster film, "The Rookie," starring Dennis Quaid. This family film won the ESPY for best sports film of the year and was recognized by Sports Illustrated as one of the 50 best sports films of all-time.

Jim is much more than just a sports personality. In a world lacking real-life heroes, Jim's inspirational and motivational message about following your dreams and keeping your promises resonates with all audiences, young and old.

NTCA reflects Jim's life experience—our school has big plans for the future!

Check out the exciting items in our Silent Auction and stay for the movie after dinner. It's going to be a fun evening for the whole family.

Toni Young
Head of School

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☐ \$200 for table of 8

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Classes Prepare for the Silent Auction

The classes are hard at work assembling their baskets for the Spring Classic's Silent Auction. Since we are a school, it is only appropriate that two of the baskets are expected to have a reading theme. Preschool is planning a Nook Basket, while middle school wants to fill your leisure hours with their Books and Beverages basket containing a Kindle, accessories, and some fun beverages.

Another way in which the students are contributing to the auction is as painters! The KR through 8th grade students have been working hard on their paintings, which will be sold to raise funds. You can buy your own child's painting in advance, or bid during the silent auction. Please see Mrs. Young's letter for details, but remember that the deadline to purchase in advance is April 3rd.



PE & Health at NTCA

By Shelley Pederson

In Health, we have been learning about the human body this year. At least one student reported that this is the first time they have even heard of a spleen! We have also learned about using our faith to help make good choices about what we should allow to enter our minds.

Poster contest season is upon us again. The subject for 3rd & 4th grader posters is bicycle safety. 2nd grade will design their posters around any of the subjects we have learned about so far in Health class. The posters will be on display at the Open House on April 26th.

PE:

What a glorious spring we've been having! The PE classes are enjoying the fresh air by touring the school building every chance we get. Through running/jogging/walking laps around the building, the kids are strengthening their bodies and building their endurance. I am so proud of the kids for their incredible effort and good attitudes.

Some springtime activities we have planned are rhythm and dance, gymnastics, softball and baseball. Weather permitting, we will jump into the Bicycle/Scooter unit in mid-April. The kids and I have really enjoyed this unit. It is so wonderful to watch the kids grow in confidence and ability. Please consider allowing your child to bring their bike or scooter to school Monday thru Friday for two weeks.



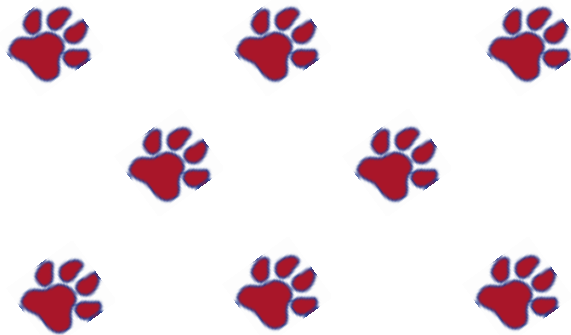
Visit from a Storyteller

A storyteller visited the PK through Kinder classes earlier this month. Debra Pope is the grandmother of one of our Kinder Readiness students. She has written a book that she hopes to publish soon. She shared her story with our students, using puppets to illustrate her characters.

Putting Honor into Practice



During February, our students learned about the virtue Honor. They studied ways to honor God, each other, and those in authority over them. During our last Chapel of the month, our students decided to honor our school board for all of the time and effort they dedicate to helping our school be a success. Each class read a special scripture to the Board and then each board member was presented with a plaque in recognition of their service to NTCA.



Texas Christian Schools Interscholastic Tournament

Some of our 6-8th grade students will be competing at the middle/high school academic meet in Abilene, TX on April 12-14th. The students will be competing in events such as group acting, math comprehension, ready writing, social studies, and Bible. Please pray over the students for safe travels and focused minds. The students attending the meet are as follows:

Dezri Cristina - 8th
Mark Haaland - 8th
Garrett Kirkconnell - 7th
Justin Kirkconnell - 7th
Sara Zimmerman - 6th

Scholastic Book Fair

NTCA will host its annual Book Fair the week of April 23rd. During the fair, we will have a few special events for you to participate in. On April 26th we will have a Grandparents Breakfast before school, and an Open House that night. Please invite your family members to join us for these events!

If you would like to organize, set up or work during the book fair, please contact me at mmcdougald@northtexaschristian.org to sign up.



Mrs. Young's Message

Thank you for your commitment and support of our school. NTCA's Board of Directors, administration and staff ask you to join with us in supporting the Foundational Fund this year. The staff and board have 100% participation in giving to the fund for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Foundational Fund is the annual fund used to supplement the school's operating budget. Just like most non-profit schools, tuition and fees only cover a portion of the actual cost of educating a student. The Foundational Fund helps make up the difference between revenue and expenses. It also enables the school to continue to provide the outstanding educational programs that benefit our children. The commitment to Excellence and Expansion continues to be the focus of the monies raised.

NTCA was founded with the goal to provide a quality Christian education and keep tuition affordable. Our staff works very hard to keep tuition low and yet still provide an excellent, Christ-centered education.

NTCA is completely debt-free and fully funded through tuition, generous donations and **2 major fundraisers - the Spring Classic and fall golf tournament**. We ask you to support the school through financial and time donations. It takes all of us using our God-given gifts to maintain the level of excellence expected at NTCA.

Our competitive tuition is what draws many families to NTCA who would not have the option of private Christian education. If tuition is raised, those children no longer have an option. We believe in keeping tuition low and finding creative ways to raise funds. It takes all of us to give and support this mission.

I appreciate each of you! Your willingness to support your children and this school is evident. Let's continue to have the spirit of giving and serving each and every day.

He is Risen Thru the Gospels

Matthew 28:6

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Mark 16:6

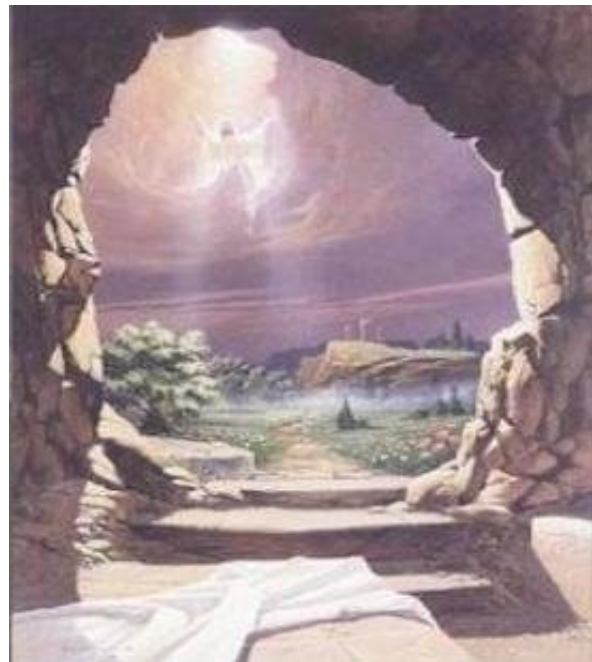
"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

Luke 24:6-7

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again."

John 20:18

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.



In the Classrooms

Kindergarten Readiness has started reading groups. We will be doing our big Plant/Earth Unit this nine weeks. We will be showing off some of the things from this unit at Open House.

Kindergarten had fun learning about rainbows before spring break and we even made rainbows with food coloring and milk in a dish! We also made rainbow toast and it was so colorful and yummy! This week we are starting a transportation unit in social studies so we will know all about what travels in the air, land and sea.

Second Graders are enjoying the spring weather and working hard while in the classroom. We are working with 10's and 1's in math class, learning to use that knowledge to solve word problems and decide which operations to use. In Language, we are learning the difference between singular and plural as we write about symbols of our country, such as the flag and Statue of Liberty. In Social Studies, we are learning about the constitution and government. We are finishing our unit on states of matter this week, by mixing liquids (paint colors). I am looking forward to testing week and know this group will be doing their very best!

Fourth Graders are completing a literature circle novel unit. They are working together in small groups to read, complete activities, and discuss the novel events. After Easter, the students will begin a new novel, *Night of the Twisters*, an exciting story with the theme of survival! The students have become adjective detectives and are now beginning a unit about adverbs and how they can make sentences so much more interesting!

Our math unit has us creating a 10,000 chart and using it to understand the interlocking place value involved. We will continue to multiply and divide!

In our Texas history, we have learned how the oil boom brought Texas big changes at the turn of the 20th century and are ready to explore happenings in the early 1900s, including the world wars and the Depression.

We look forward to creating a Resurrection Garden before Easter and a field trip to Dallas Heritage Village later in April to culminate our Texas History studies.

Middle School Math and Language Arts

Fifth grade: The students will be studying decimal place value and how to convert decimals and fractions. In language arts the students will be reading and reporting on biographies.

Sixth grade: The students will be working on finding the perimeter and area of different shapes such as circles and triangles. In language arts the students will be reading a new novel called *Bud, Not Buddy*.

Seventh grade: The students will be working on solving math operations with integers. In language arts the students will be working with a historical fiction novel called *The Secret Garden* and writing autobiographies.

Eighth grade: The students will be investigating statistics concepts and how they apply in real world situations. In language arts the students will be working on a novel called *Summer of the Monkeys*.

Spanish

Fifth thru Eighth grade: The students are learning to apply vocabulary they have studied in everyday conversations. They also are working on identifying masculine and feminine forms of words.



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: NTCA Enrollment 2012

Students of the Week

February Virtue: Honor

March Virtue: Conviction

February 20th March 5th

Samuel Oliveira
Seth Autry
McKen Adkins
Trinity Cristina
Haylee Winstead
Jasmine Grissom

Samuel Oliveira
Landree Wilson
Jackson Jones
Cory Tennison
Mark Haaland
Mara Dooley
Noah Lokey

February 27th

Lucille Ranney
Kaitlyn Frieling
Zachary Kearn
Dylan Shaw
Hayden Hardin
Peyton Humphrey
McKenna Hicks

Check next
month's news-
letter for the
Students of the
Month for
February and
March!

April Virtue and Verse

Virtue: Hope
**Believing that something good can
come out of something bad.**

Verse:
**John 16:33b In this world you will have
trouble, but take heart, I have overcome
the world.**

Cub's Corner

April's theme: Easter/Bugs and Insects

Bible Theme: Jesus is Alive

Luke 24:6 His not here; He is risen!

Letters and Sounds: C, G, S

Numbers: 13-18

Colors: Black and Gray

Shapes: Oval and Crescent

Preschool is planning on an Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th.

Please send a bag of wrapped candy by Apr 3rd. No chocolate or peanut butter, please. We will provide the eggs and fill them here at school.



4-H News

NTCA 4-H is having exciting times!!! We had a special visitor on Tuesday, March 27. Look for pictures in the next newsletter!

In March, Collin County hosted the 2012 Photography contest. Masyn Hoke participated and won a blue ribbon in her category and age group.

The Fashion Show Contest will be held on March 31. There are a lot of exciting opportunities to learn & compete in 4-H coming up, please contact Marie Hoke for further information 469-323-2447 or Marie@VanPoole.com.

4-H meetings in April will be held on April 10 & 24. Meetings are held from 3:30 - 4:30pm on Tuesday.

April Lunchroom Volunteers

Please contact Rachel Keller to volunteer in the lunchroom.

Rachel's email address is: racheltkeller@gmail.com & cell phone is: [469-667-4007](tel:469-667-4007)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Kelly Chacon Jennifer Ranney	3 Colleen Haaland Rachel Keller	4 Allen Keller Jennifer Ranney	5 Jennifer Ranney NEED HELP!!	6 Sharon Dunlap Nathan Wilson
9 Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer	10 Colleen Haaland Rachel Keller	11 Sigrid Bandon Jennifer Ranney	12 Rebecca Castro Holly Milstead	13 Teresa Shaw Ken Dunlop
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We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

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- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ Clip and save "Box Tops for Education" codes from products
- ⇒ Save Capri Sun pouches

Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior spiritual scholastic, and social experience.



NTCA Volunteer Opportunities Please contact Mrs. Young if you can help!

- ◇
- ◇ Can you help Monday morning at 8:30 with auction baskets, etc?
- ◇ Can you help with the set up for the Spring Classic on April 5th?
- ◇ Can you help with the Coin Club Concession stand on April 21st?
- ◇ Can you help with the Scholastic Book Fair? Help is needed to organize, set up, and work at the fair.
- ◇ Can you lead the effort this summer to create the NTCA float for the December Rotary Club parade in McKinney? We have a volunteer to build it, we just need someone to envision it!
- ◇ Can you help in the lunchroom on Thursdays in April?